



**CALIFORNIA
HIGH-SPEED RAIL
AUTHORITY**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 2010
Sacramento City Hall
915 I Street – City Hall Chambers
Sacramento, CA
(Approved March 3, 2011)**

The public meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board was called to order on December 2, 2010 at 9:39am at Sacramento City Hall, Sacramento, CA.

Members Present: Thomas Umberg, Vice-Chair
Lynn Schenk
Quentin Kopp
Rod Diridon
Fran Florez
Russell Burns
David Crane

Members Absent: Curt Pringle
Richard Katz

Pledge of allegiance was administered by Member Diridon.

Agenda Item #1 Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was provided. Positive support for the project was voiced, while concern was conveyed by some.

Agenda Item # 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Kopp moved that the meeting minutes contained in the Board Book be continued for consideration at the next meeting; seconded by Member Diridon. Motion passes. (7-0)

Agenda Item # 3 – Corridor Selection

Carrie Pourvahidi provided to the Board important data and background regarding the corridor selection process followed by a presentation by General Hans Van Winkle.

The recommendation before the Board was for them to discuss and decide upon the section and corridor which should be selected as being the first High Speed corridor to be constructed. Staff recommended that the corridor “Alternative 1” be selected. It is furthermore recommended that the Board delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to conclude a Funding/Cooperative Agreement with the FRA on behalf of the Authority by the end of December 2010 based on the Alternative 1.

Member Diridon made a motion to approve the staff recommendation which is the selection of Alternative 1 and to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to conclude a Funding/Cooperative Agreement with the FRA on behalf of

the Authority by the end December 2010 based on the Alternative 1; seconded by Member Kopp. Motion passes unanimously. (7-0)

Agenda Item # 4 – 2011 Board Meeting Calendar

Public comment was provided for this agenda item.

Member Kopp moved the adoption of the proposed 2011 meeting calendar with the amendment of changing the September 1, 2011 meeting date to September 8, 2011. Motion passed without objection. (6-0)

Agenda Item # 5 – Members' Report

Member Diridon reported that there have been many meetings with the Staff on the corridor selection. He also had met frequently with Assembly Member Cathleen Galgiani who was tremendously helpful in bringing together a consensus of support, especially in the Merced area. Mr. Diridon had hoped that he could have shared this information to go on the record before Ms. Galgiani had to step outside for an interview and requested that this comment be included in the minutes.

Member Kopp first, asked for clarification on the Draft EIR, Draft EIS for San Jose to San Francisco. There had been notification to the public that it would be delayed and Mr. Kopp asked if Ms. Pourvahidi could inform everyone what the new date for publication is. Ms. Pourvahidi discussed that the EMS (Environmental Monitoring System) Report will be published soon and that will provide all the new dates for EIR/EISs for all the corridors.

Mr. Kopp informed the Board that pursuant to his request the previous month regarding the Ogilvy public relations contract, he has read line by line, item by item, invoices submitted from the inception of this \$9 million 5 year contract through June 2010. He would like to review the subsequent invoices. He also requested to have on the calendar next month a Board review of the Ogilvy contract.

Member Kopp also raised several questions regarding the Attorney General's opinion the previous day on the incompatibility of public office holding. The Authority's legal counsel requested that Judge Kopp fax a letter with his questions so he knows exactly how to respond to those questions.

Agenda Item # 6 – Chief Executive Officer's Report

There was not a Chief Executive Officer's Report at this meeting.

Agenda Item # 7 – Closed Session

Vice-Chair Umberg adjourned the Board to closed session at 12:45 pm.

The Board returned from closed session at 1:00 pm. Without anything to report from the closed session, Vice-Chair Umberg adjourned the meeting at 1:01pm.